

SIEC Briefing Paper on the Statewide Communication Survey and Final Statewide Communication Plan

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Description

The SIEC is required to complete and submit to the legislature a statewide communication survey listing all public safety communications assets no later than July 31, 2004. Once this information is gathered the SIEC is required to complete a final statewide communications plan no later than December 31, 2004. The initial strategy to begin the statewide inventory is to develop an inventory website, based on the state government inventory, to collect information from local government agencies. Staff will follow up with agencies that do not respond to the web survey.

Recommendations to the Committee

This is an informational briefing only, and requires no action at this time.

Status

- Work has already begun on creating a web interface to collect inventory data.
- Security layer being added to this application, thereby allowing jurisdictions that submitted data, to review all data being collected, and to create *ad hoc* reports.
- Emails will be sent to local government officials using the databases created by the SIEC membership.
- Research is underway to determine potential options and costs to develop the interim state and final statewide communications plan.
- Staff are exploring potential DHS funding

Issues

- The timelines to collect inventory data are extremely aggressive.
- LEAP and JLARC have requested financial information on the value of local government public safety radio equipment--as of the writing of this report, there isn't a satisfactory way that LEAP and JLARC information can be collected.
- There is no funding for the statewide communication plan and inventory

Background

The first portion of the inventory, listing public safety assets operated by state government has been collected, and will be reported at this meeting. Although LEAP and JLARC have an interest in collecting financial data from state and local government agencies, as part of the statewide inventory, the SIEC Advisory Work Group has not been able to find a mechanism to adequately collect this information with any degree of accuracy.

A copy of the Gantt chart, that outlines requirements of the statewide radio inventory, is attached.

Initial cost estimates to develop a statewide communications plan, based on other states, range in price from \$1.5 million to \$10 million.